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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fourth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 September to 8 October 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 20 September 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 8, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fourth session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met for a period of one week at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 June to 2 July 1993.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.
2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.
3. Election of the officers of the Committee.
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11. General discussion on "Protection of the child against economic exploitation".
12. Methods of work of the Committee.
13. System of documentation and information.
14. Future meetings of the Committee.
15. Other matters.

Annotations

Item 1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. The fourth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairperson of the Committee.

Item 2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

2. In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the Third Meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 23 February 1993 will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

Item 3. Election of the officers of the Committee

3. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9 of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Item 4. Adoption of the agenda

4. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda for any session shall follow the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 5. Organizational and other matters

5. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 6. Review of developments relevant to the work of the Committee, including:

(a) Action by the Secretariat pursuant to decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions;

(b) Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-fifth session;

(c) Developments in other human rights treaty monitoring bodies.

6. Under this item, the Committee will be provided with information on action taken pursuant to recommendations adopted by the Committee at its third session.

7. Additionally, the Rapporteur will inform the Committee about developments relevant to its work that have occurred since the preceding session. The Committee will also be briefed about developments relating to other human rights treaty monitoring bodies.

8. The Committee will have before it:

(i) A note by the Secretariat containing relevant information about action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session, and other activities relevant to the work of the Committee;

(ii) General Assembly resolutions 47/111, 47/112 and 47/126;

(iii) Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1993/16, 1993/78, 1993/79, 1993/80, 1993/81, 1993/82 and 1993/83.

Item 7. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

9. Initial reports under article 44 were due in 1992 from the 57 States parties listed in document CRC/C/3. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the 38 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but had not been received as at 15 July 1993 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Bangladesh	1 September 1992
Belize	1 September 1992
Benin	1 September 1992
Bhutan	1 September 1992
Ecuador	1 September 1992
Ghana	1 September 1992
Guatemala	1 September 1992
Guinea	1 September 1992
Holy See	1 September 1992
Kenya	1 September 1992
Mauritius	1 September 1992
Mongolia	1 September 1992
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1992
Senegal	1 September 1992
Sierra Leone	1 September 1992
Togo	1 September 1992
Gambia	6 September 1992
Uganda	15 September 1992

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992
Philippines	19 September 1992
Seychelles	6 October 1992
Zimbabwe	10 October 1992
Venezuela	12 October 1992
Nepal	13 October 1992
Mali	19 October 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	20 October 1992
Portugal	20 October 1992
Brazil	23 October 1992
Paraguay	24 October 1992
Zaire	26 October 1992
Malta	29 October 1992
Niger	29 October 1992
Chad	31 October 1992
Nicaragua	3 November 1992
Barbados	7 November 1992
Burundi	17 November 1992
Grenada	4 December 1992
Uruguay	19 December 1992

10. The list of 46 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1993 appears in document CRC/C/8/Rev.2.

11. The list of 24 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1994 appears in document CRC/C/11/Rev.2.

12. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/18).

Item 8. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 44 of the Convention

13. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fourth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tentative time-table for consideration of reports of States parties

Wednesday, 22 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Indonesia	CRC/C/3/Add.10
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 23 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Indonesia (cont'd)	
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Peru	CRC/C/3/Add.7
Friday, 24 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Peru (cont'd)	
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	

Monday, 27 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	El Salvador	CRC/C/3/Add.9
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 28 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	El Salvador (cont'd)	
Wednesday, 29 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sudan	CRC/C/3/Add.3 and Add.20
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 30 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Costa Rica	CRC/C/3/Add.8
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Friday, 1 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Costa Rica (cont'd)	
Tuesday, 5 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Rwanda	CRC/C/8/Add.1
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 6 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Rwanda (cont'd)	

14. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions which may be put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information from their State.

15. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the fourth session of the Committee at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 9. World Conference on Human Rights

16. Under this item, the Committee will have before it the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23) and the report of the meeting of international and regional human rights treaty bodies (A/CONF.157/TBB4).

Item 10. Question of indicators

17. Under this item, the Committee will continue to examine the issue of indicators that could contribute to a better assessment of the implementation of the Convention. It will have before it the report of the Expert Seminar on Appropriate Indicators to Measure Achievements in the Progressive Realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held at Geneva from 25 to 29 January 1993 (A/CONF.157/PC/73).

Item 11. General discussion on "Protection of the child against economic exploitation"

18. At its second session, the Committee decided that at its fourth session a day of general discussion would be held on Monday, 4 October 1993, devoted to the topic of the protection of the child against economic exploitation, and agreed to invite interested bodies and agencies and individual experts to participate in that general discussion. Invitations were dispatched by the secretariat to relevant organizations and individuals on 3 March 1993.

Item 12. Methods of work of the Committee

19. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work.

20. The Committee may also wish to consider ways to strengthen further activities relating to the implementation of the Convention and enhancing cooperation with United Nations bodies and other competent bodies in relation to the rights of the child.

21. The Committee may further wish to consider the possibility of holding, in the course of 1994, an informal regional consultation in the African region.

Item 13. System of documentation and information

22. Under this item, the Committee may wish to continue discussing issues relating to the system of information and documentation relevant to the work of the Committee, including the question of computerization.

Item 14. Future meetings of the Committee

23. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 15. Other matters

24. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

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STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND STATUS OF THE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS UNDER ARTICLE 44 OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, and entered into force on 2 September 1990, on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. As at 15 July 1993, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by 144 States. A list of States parties as well as information on the status of the submission of reports by States parties, is to be found in the annex to the present document.

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ANNEX

States parties to the Convention and status of submission of reports under article 44 of the Convention as at 15 July 1993

State party	Date of entry into force	Initial report date due	Date of submission	Symbol
Albania	28 March 1992	27 March 1994		
Algeria	16 May 1993	15 May 1995		
Angola	04 January 1991	03 January 1993		
Argentina	03 January 1991	02 January 1993	17 March 1993	CRC/C/8/Add.2
Armenia	23 July 1993	22 July 1995		
Australia	16 January 1991	15 January 1993		
Austria	05 September 1992	04 September 1994		
Azerbaijan	12 September 1992	11 September 1994		
Bahamas	22 March 1991	21 March 1993		
Bahrain	14 March 1992	14 March 1994		
Bangladesh	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Barbados	08 November 1990	06 November 1992		
Belarus	31 October 1990	30 October 1992	12 February 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.14
Belgium	15 January 1992	14 January 1994		
Belize	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Benin	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Bhutan	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Bolivia	02 September 1990	01 September 1992	14 September 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.2
Brazil	24 October 1990	23 October 1992		
Bulgaria	03 July 1991	02 July 1993		

State party	Date of entry into force	Initial report date due	Date of submission	Symbol
Burkina Faso	30 September 1990	29 September 1992	07 July 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.19
Burundi	18 November 1990	17 November 1992		
Cambodia	14 November 1992	13 November 1994		
Cameroon	10 February 1993	9 February 1993		
Canada	12 January 1992	11 January 1994		
Cape Verde	04 July 1992	03 July 1994		
Central African Republic	23 May 1992	23 May 1994		
Chad	01 November 1990	31 October 1992		
Chile	12 September 1990	11 September 1992	22 June 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.18
China	01 April 1992	31 March 1994		
Colombia	27 February 1991	26 February 1993	14 April 1993	CRC/C/8/Add.3
Comoros	22 July 1993	21 July 1995		
Costa Rica	20 September 1990	19 September 1992	28 October 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.8
Cote d'Ivoire	06 March 1991	05 March 1993		
Croatia	08 October 1991	07 October 1993		
Cuba	20 September 1991	19 September 1993		
Cyprus	09 March 1991	08 March 1993		
Czech Republic	01 January 1993	31 December 1994	08 February 1994	CRC/C/11/Add.1
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	21 October 1990	20 October 1992		
Denmark	18 August 1991	17 August 1993		
Djibouti	05 January 1991	04 January 1993		
Dominica	12 April 1991	11 April 1993		
Dominican Republic	11 July 1991	10 July 1993		
Ecuador	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Egypt	02 September 1990	01 September 1992	23 October 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.6

State party	Date of entry into force	Initial report date due	Date of submission	Symbol
El Salvador	02 September 1990	01 September 1992	03 November 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.9
Equatorial Guinea	15 July 1992	14 July 1994		
Estonia	20 November 1991	19 November 1993		
Ethiopia	13 June 1991	12 June 1993		
Finland	20 July 1991	19 July 1993		
France	06 September 1990	05 September 1992	08 April 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.15
Gambia	07 September 1990	06 September 1992		
Germany	05 April 1992	04 April 1994		
Ghana	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Greece	10 June 1993	09 June 1995		
Grenada	05 December 1990	04 December 1992		
Guatemala	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Guinea	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Guinea-Bissau	19 September 1990	18 September 1992		
Guyana	13 February 1991	12 February 1993		
Holy See	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Honduras	09 September 1990	08 September 1992	11 May 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.17
Hungary	06 November 1991	05 November 1993		
Iceland	27 November 1992	26 November 1994		
India	11 January 1993	10 January 1995		
Indonesia	05 October 1990	04 October 1992	17 November 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.10
Ireland	28 October 1992	27 October 1994		
Israel	02 November 1991	01 November 1993		
Italy	05 October 1991	04 October 1993		
Jamaica	13 June 1991	12 June 1993		

State party	Date of entry into force	Initial report date due	Date of submission	Symbol
Jordan	23 June 1991	22 June 1993	25 May 1993	CRC/C/8/Add.4
Kenya	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Kuwait	20 November 1991	19 November 1993		
Lao People's Democratic Republic	07 June 1991	06 June 1993		
Latvia	14 May 1992	13 May 1994		
Lebanon	13 June 1991	12 June 1993		
Lesotho	09 April 1992	08 April 1994		
Liberia	04 July 1993	03 July 1995		
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15 May 1993	14 May 1995		
Lithuania	01 March 1992	28 February 1994		
Madagascar	18 April 1991	17 April 1993		
Malawi	01 February 1991	31 January 1993		
Maldives	13 March 1991	12 March 1993		
Mali	20 October 1990	19 October 1992		
Malta	30 October 1990	29 October 1992		
Mauritania	15 June 1991	14 June 1993		
Mauritius	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Mexico	21 October 1990	20 October 1992	15 December 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.11
Micronesia	04 June 1993	03 June 1995		
Monaco	21 July 1993	20 July 1995		
Mongolia	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Morocco	21 July 1993	20 July 1995		
Myanmar	14 August 1991	13 August 1993		
Namibia	30 October 1990	29 October 1992	21 December 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.12

State party	Date of entry into force	Initial report date due	Date of submission	Symbol
New Zealand	06 May 1993	05 May 1995		
Nicaragua	04 November 1990	03 November 1992		
Niger	30 October 1990	29 October 1992		
Nigeria	19 May 1991	18 May 1993		
Norway	07 February 1991	06 February 1993		
Pakistan	12 December 1990	11 December 1992	25 January 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.13
Panama	11 January 1991	10 January 1993		
Papua New Guinea	31 March 1993	30 March 1995		
Paraguay	25 October 1990	24 October 1992		
Peru	04 October 1990	03 October 1992	28 October 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.7
Philippines	20 September 1990	19 September 1992		
Poland	07 July 1991	06 July 1993		
Portugal	21 October 1990	20 October 1992		
Republic of Korea	20 December 1991	19 December 1993		
Republic of Moldova	25 February 1993	24 February 1995		
Romania	28 October 1990	27 October 1992	14 April 1993	CRC/C/3/Add.16
Russian Federation	15 September 1990	14 September 1992	16 October 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.5
Rwanda	23 February 1991	22 February 1993	30 September 1992	CRC/C/8/Add.1
Saint Kitts and Nevis	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Saint Lucia	16 July 1993	15 July 1993		
San Marino	25 December 1991	24 December 1993		
Sao Tomé and Principe	13 June 1991	24 June 1993		
Senegal	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Seychelles	07 October 1990	06 October 1992		
Sierra Leone	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Slovakia	01 January 1993	31 December 1994		

State party	Date of entry into force	Initial report date due	Date of submission	Symbol
Slovenia	25 June 1991	24 June 1993		
Spain	05 January 1991	04 January 1993		
Sri Lanka	11 August 1991	10 August 1993		
Sudan	02 September 1990	01 September 1992	29 September 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.3 and Add.20
Sweden	02 September 1990	01 September 1992	07 September 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.1
Syrian Arab Republic	14 August 1993	13 August 1995		
Thailand	26 April 1992	25 April 1994		
Togo	02 September 1990	01 September 1992		
Trinidad and Tobago	04 January 1992	03 January 1994		
Tunisia	29 February 1992	28 February 1994		
Uganda	16 September 1990	15 September 1992		
Ukraine	27 September 1991	26 September 1993		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	15 January 1992	14 January 1994		
United Repubic of Tanzania	10 July 1991	09 July 1993		
Uruguay	20 December 1990	19 December 1992		
Vanuatu	06 August 1993	05 August 1995		
Venezuela	13 October 1990	12 October 1992		
Viet Nam	02 September 1990	01 September 1992	30 September 1992	CRC/C/3/Add.4 and Add.19
Yemen	31 May 1991	30 May 1993		
Yugoslavia	02 February 1991	01 February 1993		
Zaire	27 October 1990	26 October 1992		
Zambia	05 January 1992	04 January 1994		
Zimbabwe	11 October 1990	10 October 1992		